

REVISED AGENDA

EDUCATION INTERIM COMMITTEE

UTAH LEGISLATURE

Wednesday, May 16, 2007 • 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. • Room W135 House Building

1. Committee Business

- Call to order
- Approval of the minutes of the April 18, 2007 meeting
- Subcommittee creation request

2. Report of the K-16 Alliance's Special Task Force on Teacher Shortages

The K-16 Alliance appointed a task force to provide recommendations to address teacher shortages in the state. Representatives of the task force will discuss the recommendations.

- Dr. David J. Sperry and Lyle Cox, Special Task Force on Teacher Shortages

3. Teacher Quality Report

Utah law requires the State Board of Education to make an annual report to the Committee on teacher quality. Representatives of the board will review the report.

- Ray Timothy, Associate Superintendent, and Larry Shumway, Director, Educator Quality Services, USOE (Utah State Office of Education)

4. School Facility Funding

Schools facilities are generally funded from the property tax, with some state funds also available. The Committee will discuss various issues related to school facility funding.

- Sen. Howard A. Stephenson

5. Elementary Mathematics Curriculum

In 2006 the Education Interim Committee received testimony from mathematicians and math educators on the need to revise Utah's mathematics curriculum. The State Board of Education initiated a plan to revise the elementary mathematics curriculum, and the Education Interim Committee adopted a resolution endorsing that plan. A group of mathematicians, mathematics teachers, university mathematics educators, and USOE specialists developed a revised elementary mathematics curriculum and held public hearings throughout the state in April and May 2007 on the revised curriculum. The Committee will receive a presentation on the revised elementary mathematics curriculum.

- Patti Harrington, Superintendent of Public Instruction
- Dr. Russell Thompson, Department Head, Mathematics and Statistics Department, Utah State University
- Nicole Paulson, Elementary Mathematics Specialist, USOE
- Dr. David Wright, Department of Mathematics, Brigham Young University

6. Other Items / Adjourn